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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Ji-Young Jang, et al.
Serial No.: 10/075,577
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Group Art Unit: 1764
Examiner: Virginia Manoharan
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACETIC ACID
RECOVERY DURING TEREPHTHALIC ACID
PRODUCTION**

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments to the claims, corrected status of the claims, and further in view of the amendments and comments set forth in the Response dated June 7, 2004. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment enclosed with the Office Action, Applicants resubmit only the corrected section of the previously-submitted Response to advance the prosecution of this case.

Further, as directed by Examiner Manoharan in a telephone conference on June 28, 2004, Applicants hereby request a telephonic interview to discuss the merit of this case and the arguments set forth by Applicants in the Response dated June 7, 2004.